CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	6713278f84d6cf00f01ec456952bdf8e
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1800360.007
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	15 October 2018
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	15 October 2018

Summary of reasons for decision:

The file is an photo of a young girl performing a sexual act and is taken from a video also under consideration (see OFLC Ref: 1800360.024). The image is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s 3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The image is intended for the sexual arousal of adults with an interest in children and has the effect of legitimising them as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support s3(2) criteria are deemed objectionable. The classification also reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.